



Docket 47092-3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re:
Applicant: NOTENBOMER, Robert W. Group Art Unit: 3644
Serial No.: 09/774,883 Examiner: Elizabeth Shaw
Filed: February 1, 2001
For: "HOG FARMING PROCESS AND BARN"

Honourable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231,
U.S.A.

Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the office action dated February 26, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Add new claims 15 to 46, as follows:

15. A barn for raising hogs, the barn comprising: a structure including walls and a roof, a floor within the structure for supporting the hogs, the floor being solid such that materials on the floor settle on the floor without passing therethrough and capable of supporting an animal and the floor including a sloped surface and a waste collection area at a lower end of the sloped surface, the sloped surface and the waste collection area being normally open for access by the hogs and an animal feeding station adjacent an upper end of the sloped surface.
16. The barn of claim 15 further comprising a heater to heat an area of the barn adjacent the upper end of the sloped surface, such that the area of the barn adjacent the upper end of the sloped surface is warmer than an area of the barn adjacent the lower end of the sloped surface.

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